



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: WELLER ET AL.

APPLICATION No.: 09/943,458

FILED: August 30, 2001

FOR: **METHOD FOR ANALYSIS OF  
OLIGONUCLEOTIDE ANALOGS**

EXAMINER: Chakrabarti, A.

ART UNIT: 1634

CONF. No: 9454

**Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application,  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

**Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

**Note:** 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

- ☒ Enclosed
  - ☒ Amendment/Reply
  - ☒ An Interview Summary

2. Miscellaneous

- ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months.

(Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)

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3. **Fees** *The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when RCE is filed.*

☒ A check in the amount of \$375.00 is enclosed to cover the following fees.

☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) (\$375.00)

☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §1.136 and §1.17)

☐ Other

☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment in fees (or credit any overpayments) to Deposit Account No. 50-2207.

Respectfully submitted,

Date:

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FOR: **Method for Analysis of Oligonucleotide Analogs**

EXAMINER: A.K. Chakrabarti

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**Amendment and RCE**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed June 3, 2003 in the above-identified application, and further to the telephonic interview conducted with the Examiner on August 29, 2003, please amend the application as indicated below.

Enclosed herewith is an Interview Summary and PTO Form 413A. Also enclosed is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR §1.114 and the fee of \$375.

No further fees are believed due with this communication. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any deficiency in fees herein to Deposit Account No. 50-2207.